

926 Grant Ave  
Rockford Ills  
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My dear Dr Watson -

I have not seen Parthenium  
integrifolium growing since we left  
Fountaindale, ten years ago. My  
recollection of the plants from  
which I used to take specimens  
is that they showed not the least  
indication of a "creeping rootstock".  
Unfortunately, I did not have,  
in those days, the Deamian  
spear and fork and I never  
dug up a single specimen. If  
I knew of any locality in this  
vicinity where the plant could  
be found, I would gladly go  
a long distance to serve you  
in this matter but it is a  
fact that the native vegetation

around Rockford has been  
more completely swept away  
than it has been on the outskirts  
of Chicago - Here, as the little city  
spreads its boundaries town lots  
are cut out of old farms - Near  
Chicago they are cut out of the  
prairie - Only a few weeks ago I  
noticed a lot on Harvard Ave in  
Englewood worth \$200 a foot front, and  
the vegetation was absolutely un-  
contaminated by any weed of  
cultivation - Such "preserves" are not  
to be found anywhere in or about  
Rockford.

For a year past about the  
height of my ambition has been  
to preserve a serene disposition and  
to keep out from under the feet  
of energetic people who still have  
the vis vitae to do the world's work  
But I am hoping to get back to  
the Mills again after the holidays  
Cordially  
Mrs. B. B.